

associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call: Mr. Stephen Mohacey, or Ms. Blanche Rigney at 210-652-4382.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* "Application for Appointment as Reserves of the Air Force or USAF without Component," Air Force Form 24, OMB Number 0701-0096.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary for providing information to determine if applicant meets qualifications established for appointment as a Reserve (ANGUS and USAFR) or in the USAF without component. Use of the SSN is necessary to make positive identification of an applicant and his or her records.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,116.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,350.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information contained on AF Form 24 supports the Air Force as it applies to direct appointment (procurement) programs for civilian and military applicants. It provides necessary information to determine if an applicant meets qualifications established for appointment to fill authorized ANGUS and USAFR position vacancies and active duty requirements. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Headquarters Air Force, Officer Accession Branch, Air Force Personnel Center.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Officer Accessions Branch, Air Force Personnel Center, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Air Force Personnel Center, Officer Accessions Branch (DPPAO), ATTN: Mr. Stephen Mohacey, or Ms. Blanche Rigney, 550 C Street West, Suite 10, Randolph Air Force Base TX 78159-4712.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call: Mr. Stephen Mohacey, or Ms. Blanche Rigney at 210-652-4382.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* "Application for Training Leading to a Commission in the United States Air Force," Air Force Form 56, OMB Number 0701-0001.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary for providing information to determine if applicant meets qualifications established for training leading to a commission. Air Force selection boards use the information to determine suitability for officer training. If the information was not collected, Air Force efforts to select qualified applicants would be severely hampered. Use of the SSN is necessary to make positive identification of an applicant and his or her records.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 967.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,900.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Information contained on AF Form 56 supports that Air Force as it applies to officer training (procurement) programs for civilian and military applicants. It is imperative that only persons fully qualified for receipt of Air Force commissions are selected for the training leading to commissioning. Data

supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Disposal of Portions of the Former Homestead Air Force Base (AFB), Florida

The United States Air Force (Air Force) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will prepare an SEIS analyzing the proposed transfer of airfield and airfield-related properties at the former Homestead AFB. The SEIS will supplement the 1994 EIS titled Disposal and Reuse of Homestead Air Force Base, Florida. It will be used by the Air Force and the FAA in making decisions concerning the proposed disposal of the property. The Air Force and the FAA will be the lead agencies for preparing the SEIS. The National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency will be cooperating agencies.

The SEIS will address the potential environmental impacts of the disposal and reuse of surplus airfield facilities made available by the realignment of Homestead AFB pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act. The Air Force seeks to transfer the facilities in a manner that supports local plans for economic revitalization of South Florida and protects Biscayne Bay and the nearby national parks. The SEIS will address the proposed transfer of a one-runway airport and airport facilities at the former base. It also will address the potential environmental impacts of any reasonable disposal alternatives and include possible mitigation measures.

The scoping period for this SEIS formally begins with this Notice of Intent and will extend through April 30, 1998. The Air Force and FAA invite the participation of federal, state, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribal governments, organizations, and interested persons. Several public scoping meetings will be held at a time and location to be announced at a later